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Mr. Dave Lazarides
Director of Processing
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E Capitol Ave
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Petition for Supplemental Order Commission Order # T03-0103

Mr. Lazarides,

The purpose of this letter is to request petition for supplemental order for an extension of the ending date to complete the project. The current order (T03-0103) expires on September 9, 2005. The project is estimated at a total cost of over \$3 million. As you know, the project includes several state and federal funding sources including the following: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity CDAP, Rural Development RBEG, Delta Regional Authority, and Illinois Department of Transportation Rail Funds. The reason for the request is that it has taken longer than expected to work thru the process with the various agencies and their various special grant conditions. The project also involves the County of Hamilton and the Hamilton County Economic Development Commission. Various agreements with all of the groups have been prepared and executed. The Sidetrack Agreement is prepared and awaiting signatures. All funds for the project are currently committed and we are awaiting final approval from IDOT and the preparation of the final funding agreement.

The project has been bid and we expect to award the contracts by September 15, 2005. The construction time for the project is estimated to be five months. We are requesting a 9 month extension to allow for the final agreements and approvals to be obtained and for construction to be completed. This timeframe includes a couple of months to accommodate any changes that may be needed to due to weather issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Roger Swartz

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